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SUBJECT: MAKERERE UNIVERSITY GRADUATION; JUMBE VISIT

1. NOTEWORTHY OBSERVATIONS AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY GRADUATION CEREMONIES OCT. 8 WERE: (A) GREATLY REDUCED NUMBER OF FACULTY MEMBERS, WITH ONLY SMATTERING OF EXPATRIATES; AND (B) GREATLY REDUCED NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS OF BACHELOR'S AND OTHER MORE ADVANCED DEGREES COMPARED WITH YEARS PAST. ORGANIZERS APPARENTLY TRIED TO DISGUISE LATTER ASPECT BY INCLUDING AWARD OF LARGE NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS, MAINLY TO TEACHERS, INCLUDING GRADUATES OF KYAMBOGO TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE. IN HIS ADDRESS THE VICE CHANCELLOR (PROF. WANDIRA) STRESSED DIFFICULT PERIOD UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN PASSING THROUGH, MENTIONED LOSS OF LARGE NUMBER OF FACULTY, THANKED THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONTINUING TO HELP UNIVERSITY, AND NOTED THAT THOSE WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR HELP HAVE LOST A FRIEND (MEANING MAKERERE).

2. SPEECH BY CHANCELLOR (GENERAL AMIN) WAS A BLAND PREPARED
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TEXT, BUT IN HIS STANDARD EXTEMPORANEOUS HARANGUE AFTERWARDS

HE WARNED GRADUATES NOT TO CONFUSE PEOPLE, EXHORTED THEM TO WORK FOR UGANDA (AND MINISTERS TO HIRE THEM), AND TOLD THEM TO TELL PEOPLE THE TRUTH ALWAYS. EXPANDING ON LATTER POINT WITH A CONTEMPORARY REFERENCE, AMIN SAID ISRAELIS TRY TO CONFUSE PEOPLE BY TELLING LIES. HE SAID HE HAD TRAVELLED THROUGH MIDDLE EAST AND HAD ADVISED ARAB POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS ALWAYS TO GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT CASUALTIES THEY SUFFER IN WAR. THIS THEY ARE NOW DOING, GENERAL SAID, FOLLOWING HIS ADVICE, BUT EVERYONE CAN SEE THAT THIS WAR IS COMING OUT DIFFERENTLY THAN DID THE SIX DAY WAR (CHEERS FROM ARAB DIPLOMATS AND SOME STUDENTS).

3. VISITING TANZANIAN FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT CEREMONY. IN HIS TALK HE RECALLED HIS STUDENT DAYS AT MAKERERE (1943-45), WHEN COLLEGE WAS PASSING THROUGH DIFFICULT PERIOD, AS IT HAS BEEN RECENTLY. HE STRESSED MAINLY NEED FOR AFRICAN UNITY AND LIBERATION OF TERRITORIES REMAINING UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION OR WHITE MINORITY RULE. HIS VISIT IS ANOTHER CEMENTING OF THE RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN TANZANIA AND UGANDA.
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